



Nether Hall School

School Newsletter – December 2024

I don't think we have ever squeezed so many opportunities and experiences into one term, and all of this on top of the wonderful learning that takes place every day! Here are just a few highlights for you to enjoy. Before that, we do need to say goodbye to two of our fabulous teaching assistants, Linsey and Shayea. Linsey will be sharing her skills and enthusiasm with pupils on the other side of the city, while Shayea is about to become a first time Mum. We wish you both lots of happiness.

Our School Vision and Values

We are excited and proud to share our school vision and values with you. Watch this space for more about our vision and values in the new year!

The future is bright.

We nurture sparks that will ignite a passion to seek and learn more.

Sparks that grow into a beacon.

A beacon that draws in others, that ignites them, so that together we create light and energy to individually shine brightly within, and as part of our community.

A place to shine.



Sponsored 500 Mile Walk in support of World Mental Health Day



In October, we took on an incredible challenge. We attempted to walk 500 miles, in just 1 day! All pupils and staff took to the track alongside returning staff members and governors and together we created a fantastic and supportive atmosphere. Our target was to raise £1000 to help towards building a new outdoor classroom as well as donating to our chosen charity, **Young Minds**. Young Minds are a mental health charity providing support for children, young people and their families. With the overwhelming support and generosity of our incredible Nether Hall School community we raised £2590!

Wheels 4 All

The amazing team from Wheels 4 All came to school for three consecutive weeks in November giving pupils the opportunity to practice their skills on a range of adapted bikes. Wheels 4 All also run public events throughout the year at venues in the city. These events are free to attend. You can find out more about Wheels 4 All and events for 2025 here:

<https://www.leicesterwheelsforall.org/>



Music

Many pupils joined other young people from across the city and county in The Big SEND Sing at Curve in November, which was a great success. Most recently, almost 130 pupils and staff went to De Montfort Hall to listen to the London Philharmonia perform a programme of music, and to join in with a massed choir piece, 'I Hear You'. Much fun was had by all, and for some of our pupils, it was their first experience of listening to an orchestra.



Sport

Pupils have taken part in lots of sporting events this term. Our football team have taken part in 4 tournaments winning lots of games and scoring lots of goals too. We are delighted to share that our pupils were recently awarded the 'Spirit of the Games' award at a sports hall athletics event. We are most proud of the pupils' excellent team spirit. This athletics team qualified for the County finals. We are very proud of you all.



What's On in the City

Attenborough Arts Centre is a leading centre for contemporary art, with a mission to make culture and creativity accessible to all. The Centre is located close to De Montfort Hall and is open 7 days a week. There are lots of events you might like to attend. Take a look at 'what's on'

<https://attenborougharts.com/whats-on/>



Local Offer live 2025

Local Offer Live is a free, drop-in showcase event aimed at helping people find out what's available locally for children and young people with additional needs. Local Offer Live 2025 will be hosted at The Kube, Leicester Racecourse, in Oadby. The event will take place during the day on Thursday 6th March 2025, and everyone is welcome to attend. For more details, visit families.leicester.gov.uk/local-offer-live.

Free and low-cost fun in Leicester this Christmas Ideas for family fun that won't break the bank this Christmas have been put together in a handy guide by Leicester City Council. From craft sessions at libraries to cycling with Santa, the listings have lots of ideas for free or low-cost activities taking place during December. Visit: [Families.leicester.gov.uk/winter-fun](https://families.leicester.gov.uk/winter-fun) to view the full list of activities.

<p>Dates for your diary:</p>	<p>Thursday 19th December 2024 – singing club members singing carols at Tesco Hamilton (10.30am) Thursday 19th December 2024 - School closes for Christmas Monday 6th January 2025 – Staff Training Day Tuesday 7th January 2025 – School opens to pupils Friday 14th February 2025 – School closes for Spring half term Monday 24th February 2025 – School opens to pupils</p>
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I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful festive season. Time with loved ones is precious, so I sincerely hope you are able to enjoy quality time with family and friends over the coming weeks. With my very best wishes, Sarah.